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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Bartholoma et al.

Application No.: 10/502,215

Confirmation No.: 9180

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For: TERMINAL CONNECTION COMPRISING
A THREADED SLEEVE, A COUNTER-SLEEVE
AND A TERMINAL INSERT

Group: 3679

Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody

Our File: SMB-PT110
(PC 03 260 M US)

Date: October 12, 2006

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

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This Reply is being filed in response to the September 19, 2006 Response to 312 Communication in which entry of the September 13, 2006 312 Amendment was denied.

This was discussed in a telephone interview with the Examiner on September 25, 2006 and with Supervisory Examiner Daniel P. Stodola on October 3 and October 12, 2006. Applicants submit that the 312 amendment to the drawings to show the terminal insert along with the corresponding amendment to the specification should be entered as merely illustrating an element that was sufficiently described in the specification, including the specific reference to elements of this type known in the prior art. Alternatively, it is requested that the objection to the drawings noted in the June 13, 2006 Notice of Allowability be withdrawn as the indicated element is of the known prior art type and not necessary for the understanding of the subject matter being patented under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

Please amend the application as follows: